SENATOR SMITH: All right. This is not flippant.

SENATOR WITHEM: It is my understanding that probably what
happened was when the Omaha...there was an existing District 66
on the outskirts of Omaha that was operating its own high school
when the city went out,   I assume some individuals came down
here and lobbied, got 25 votes to get this placed into...it is a
protection for Westside and I assumed they lobbied, got 25 votes
down here to get it placed in. I don't know the exact history
of it.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. I guess the second question that I would
have then, if there is this big concern about reorganization and
a fairness of reorganization efforts, I'm surprised that this
hasn't been brought up before or that it hasn't been equalized
as far as being fair and taken out of statute as a part of all
the bills that we keep seeing every year about reorganization
efforts. Do you have anything to say to that?

SENATOR WITHEM: My response to that, Senator Smith, is since
I've been down here, no one has raised other than as a defense
against rural reorganization, no one has raised this issue until
now.   Senator Lamb is raising it.   We're going to have an
opportunity to take a vote on it in a few minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm glad Senator Lamb found this issue then
because it is something that those people that are in the urban
centers haven't brought to us so that they could be totally fair
for all of us.   I guess my next question to you then, Senator
Withem, and I'm sorry I'm putting you on the spot, but this is
really important to me.   Is...are you going to support this
amendment of Senator Lamb's?

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Smith, I'm seriously considering
supporting this amendment. When I have my .ight on, I have some
intent questions I'd like to ask of Senator Lamb and if he
responds in a consistent fashion, I'm probably going to support
it.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Which I have the opportunity to do now.
Senator Lamb, I do have two or three questions of you.   I